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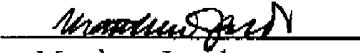
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Dear Examiner Kumar:

Enclosed is the Declaration which we discussed by telephone on April 5, 2004.

As can be seen from the Declaration and the Response of October 20, 2003, the fibers of Hojo differ from those presently claimed in several essential respects, both chemically and physically.

I look forward to discussing the Declaration and our Response of October 20, 2003 at your earliest convenience.


Matthew Jacob

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